

## House Resolution No. 1856

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly value the excellent, diverse work provided by the American Red Cross to the citizens and residents of the Show-Me State; and

**Whereas**, in addition to its widely-publicized blood donation drives, the American Red Cross also engages in the planning, preparedness, community education, mitigation, and victim relief activities connected with Disaster Services; training in first aid, CPR, aquatics and water safety, HIV/AIDS prevention, and mission-related care giving for the elderly and other priority groups associated with Health and Safety Services; emergency communications and social services which assist military personnel in resolving family emergencies through Armed Forces Emergency Services; locally developed, delivered, and managed Community Services that meet local community needs and that are sustained by financial and volunteer support of the local community; and the support of international disaster relief and the development of national societies which support the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and

**Whereas**, each of Missouri's twenty-two Chapters of the American Red Cross fully abides by the organization's Principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality; and

**Whereas**, the American Red Cross provides complete coverage and prompt service delivery to all Missourians by dividing the state into seven geographic zones, each of which contains a Zone Lead that is responsible for providing services in counties without a local Chapter; and

**Whereas**, Sharon Strickler is the Chapter Executive of the Lafayette County Chapter in Lexington, Missouri, which has two paid staffers and 155 volunteers who in the year 2003 assisted 8 families after a disaster; worked with 1,440 health and safety enrollees; served 24 armed forces cases; trained 1,224 in disaster response; and provided 2,557 community services:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar labors conducted by the American Red Cross and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for continued success in all of their much-appreciated endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Lafayette County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1856, adopted April 20, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker